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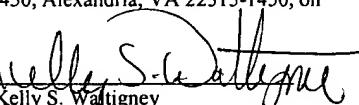
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A Plurality Of Network Nodes And At Least One Star Node

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In response to the final Office Action dated September 28, 2005, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

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